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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the family policy council; and amending RCW
- 2 70.190.010 and 70.190.060.

State of Washington

- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.190.010 and 1996 c 132 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 8 (1) "Administrative costs" means the costs associated with 9 procurement; payroll processing; personnel functions; management; 10 maintenance and operation of space and property; data processing and 11 computer services; accounting; budgeting; auditing; indirect costs; and 12 organizational planning, consultation, coordination, and training.
- 13 (2) "Assessment" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 43.70.010.
- 14 (3) "At-risk" children are children who engage in or are victims of at-risk behaviors.
- 16 (4) "At-risk behaviors" means violent delinquent acts, teen 17 substance abuse, teen pregnancy and male parentage, teen suicide 18 attempts, dropping out of school, child abuse or neglect, and domestic 19 violence.

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- 1 (5) "Community public health and safety networks" or "networks" 2 means the organizations authorized under RCW 70.190.060.
- 3 (6) "Comprehensive plan" means a two-year plan that examines 4 available resources and unmet needs for a county or multicounty area, 5 barriers that limit the effective use of resources, and a plan to 6 address these issues that is broadly supported by local residents.

- (7) "Participating state agencies" means the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the employment security department, the department of community, trade, and economic development, and such other departments as may be specifically designated by the governor.
- (8) "Family policy council" or "council" means the superintendent of public instruction, the secretary of social and health services, the secretary of health, the commissioner of the employment security department, and the director of the department of community, trade, and economic development or their designees, ((one)) two legislators from each caucus of the senate and house of representatives, and one representative of the governor.
- (9) "Fiduciary interest" means (a) the right to compensation from a health, educational, social service, or justice system organization that receives public funds, or (b) budgetary or policy-making authority for an organization listed in (a) of this subsection. A person who acts solely in an advisory capacity and receives no compensation from a health, educational, social service, or justice system organization, and who has no budgetary or policy-making authority is deemed to have no fiduciary interest in the organization.
- (10) "Outcome" or "outcome based" means defined and measurable outcomes used to evaluate progress in reducing the rate of at-risk children and youth through reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors.
- (11) "Matching funds" means an amount no less than twenty-five percent of the amount budgeted for a network. The network's matching funds may be in-kind goods and services. Funding sources allowable for match include appropriate federal or local levy funds, private charitable funding, and other charitable giving. Basic education funds shall not be used as a match. State general funds shall not be used as a match for violence reduction and drug enforcement account funds created under RCW 69.50.520.

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- 1 (12) "Policy development" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 2 43.70.010.
- 3 (13) "Protective factors" means those factors determined by the 4 department of health to be empirically associated with behaviors that
- 5 contribute to socially acceptable and healthy nonviolent behaviors.
- 6 Protective factors include promulgation, identification, and acceptance
- 7 of community norms regarding appropriate behaviors in the area of
- 8 delinquency, early sexual activity, alcohol and substance abuse,
- 9 educational opportunities, employment opportunities, and absence of
- 10 crime.
- 11 (14) "Risk factors" means those factors determined by the
- 12 department of health to be empirically associated with at-risk
- 13 behaviors that contribute to violence.
- 14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.190.060 and 1996 c 132 s 3 are each amended to read 15 as follows:
- 16 (1) The legislature authorizes community public health and safety
- 17 networks to reconnect parents and other citizens with children, youth,
- 18 families, and community institutions which support health and safety.
- 19 The networks have only those powers and duties expressly authorized
- 20 under this chapter. The networks should empower parents and other
- 21 citizens by being a means of expressing their attitudes, spirit, and
- 22 perspectives regarding safe and healthy family and community life. The
- 23 legislature intends that parent and other citizen perspectives exercise
- 24 a controlling influence over policy and program operations of
- 25 professional organizations concerned with children and family issues
- 26 within networks in a manner consistent with the Constitution and state
- 27 law. It is not the intent of the legislature that health, social
- 28 service, or educational professionals dominate community public health
- 29 and safety network processes or programs, but rather that these
- 30 professionals use their skills to lend support to parents and other
- 31 citizens in expressing their values as parents and other citizens
- 32 identify community needs and establish community priorities. To this
- 33 end, the legislature intends full participation of parents and other
- 34 citizens in community public health and safety networks. The intent is
- 35 that local community values are reflected in the operations of the
- 36 network.
- 37 (2) A group of persons described in subsection (3) of this section
- 38 may apply to be a community public health and safety network.

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- (3) Each community public health and safety network shall be 1 composed of twenty-three people, thirteen of whom shall be citizens who 2 3 live within the network boundary with no fiduciary interest. 4 selecting these members, first priority shall be given to members of community mobilization advisory boards, city or county children's 5 services commissions, human services advisory boards, or other such 6 7 The thirteen persons shall be selected as follows: organizations. 8 Three by chambers of commerce, three by school board members, three by 9 county legislative authorities, three by city legislative authorities, 10 and one high school student, selected by student organizations. remaining ten members shall live or work within the network boundary 11 and shall include local representation selected by the following groups 12 and entities: Cities; counties; federally recognized Indian tribes; 13 parks and recreation programs; law enforcement agencies; state 14 15 children's service workers; employment assistance workers; private 16 social service providers, broad-based nonsecular organizations, or health service providers; and public education. 17
 - (4) Each of the twenty-three people who are members of each community public health and safety network must sign an annual notarized statement that clearly, in plain and understandable language, states whether or not he or she has a fiduciary interest. If a member has a fiduciary interest, the nature of that interest must be made clear, in plain understandable language, on the signed statement.
 - (5) Members of the network shall serve terms of three years.
- The terms of the initial members of each network shall be as follows: (a) One-third shall serve for one year; (b) one-third shall serve for two years; and (c) one-third shall serve for three years. Initial members may agree which shall serve fewer than three years or the decision may be made by lot. Any vacancy occurring during the term may be filled by the chair for the balance of the unexpired term.
- (((+5))) (6) Not less than sixty days before the expiration of a network member's term, the chair shall submit the name of a nominee to the network for its approval. The network shall comply with subsection (3) of this section.
- ((+6))) (7) Networks are subject to the open public meetings act under chapter 42.30 RCW and the public records provisions of RCW 37 42.17.270 through 42.17.310.

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